

Stage One Water Management Actions



Memorandum

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Summary

CALFED agencies are working with agricultural, urban and environmental stakeholders to evaluate performance of a variety of water management actions that may be implemented in Stage 1 and could be used in part to develop an Environmental Water Account. They are also developing a framework for implementing these actions as part of the long-term water management strategy. Progress on the evaluation and the framework will be reported to BDAC and CALFED Policy Group at the December meetings. BDAC may be asked to provide a recommendation on the framework to the Policy Group.

Detailed Discussion

To address the near-term implementation of the Water Management Strategy, CALFED is evaluating the performance of a number of water management actions that might be implemented in Stage 1, and developing a framework for implementation of these actions. As part of the evaluation, CALFED is simulating (using a "gaming process") the effects of implementing groups of water management actions that might be implemented at the beginning (1-3 years) and at the end (4-7 years) of Stage 1 and evaluating the effects of these actions on water quality, water supply and fisheries relative to different hydrological and biological conditions. The modeling and evaluation process is being presented at a gaming workshop on December 3rd.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

